

8% for exports, subjects to total payments of 8% of sales over a ten year period from date of agreement of seven years from commencement of production.

(ii) other proposals need specific approval of the Government under the general procedures in force.

The facility for automatic approval for technology agreements has been extended with a view to injecting the desired level of technological dynamism in Indian industry. Indian companies will be free to negotiate the terms of technology transfer with their foreign counterparts according to their own commercial judgement. The predictability and independence of action which this measure is providing to Indian industry will induce them to develop indigenous competence for the efficient absorption of foreign technology. Greater competitive pressure will also induce indigenous industry to invest substantially in research and development.

Government have no proposal to amend the Patents Act, 1970.

Groundnut Oil

*321. SHRI C.K. KUPPUSWAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of groundnut oil produced during 1988-89, 1989-90 and 1990-91;

(b) the target fixed for 1991-92; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to increase the production of groundnut oil?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) The total groundnut oil produced during 1988-89 and 1990-91 were as under:-

<i>Year</i>	<i>Quantity (in lakh MT)</i>
1988-89	22.22
1989-90	18.63
1990-91	17.53

(b) The target fixed for production of oilseeds including groundnut for 1991-92 is 18.5 million tonnes.

(c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

1. Two centrally sponsored schemes namely National Oilseeds Development Projects (NDDP) and Oilseeds Production Thrust Projects (OPTP) which were operating till 1989-90 have been merged during 1990-91 into a single scheme namely Oilseeds Production Programmes (OPP). This scheme essentially provides essential assistance to the States for production and distribution of quality seeds plant protection measures including supply of plant protection chemicals and equipments and organising demonstration of advanced technology, with particular reference to mustard, groundnut, soyabean and sunflower.

2. Supporting oilseeds projects of NDDP.

3. Setting up of a Technology Mission on Oilseeds established in May, 1986 for harnessing the best of production, processing and management technologies.

4. Intensification of research efforts for increasing the production of oilseeds.

5. Increasing the areas under non-traditional oilseeds crops like soyabean and sunflower and exploitation of oilseeds of tree and forest origin, rice bran etc.

6. Setting up of necessary processing and infrastructural facilities to keep pace with the production programme of oilseeds.

7. Assistance for oil palm development.

8. Better incentive to producers through fixation of minimum support prices of major oilseeds.

9. Identification of equipments for modernisation of processing units, custom duty concession on imports of certain equipments.

10. Funding research and development programmes undertaken by various Institutions for fuller exploitation of oil from oil bearing materials.

[*Translation*]

Capital Investment Exemption Policy

*322. SHRI MOHAN LAL JHIKRAM:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether NRIs have invested capital under the Capital Investment Exemption Policy during the last one year;

(b) if so, the amount invested by them;

(c) its likely impact on our industrial policy;

(d) the likely duration of the policy; and

(e) the conditions laid down for capital investment under the policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) There is no such Policy as Capital Investment Exemption Policy and hence the question of NRIs investing under the scheme does not arise.

(b) to (e). In view of reply given to (a) above, does not arise.

[*English*]

Industrial Disputes Act, 1947

*323. SHRI CHETAN P.S.

CHAUHAN:

DR. LAXMINARAYAN

PANDEYA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to amend the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947 with a view to exempt several categories of establishments from its purview;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the alternative arrangements proposed to be made for settling disputes relating to these categories of establishments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI P.A. SANGMA):

(a) to (c). The definition of the term 'industry' in the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947 was amended in 1982 with a view to excluding from its application the following:

- (i) any agricultural operation excluding activities in a plantation,
- (ii) hospitals or dispensaries,
- (iii) educational, scientific, research or training institutions,
- (iv) institutions owned or managed by organisations wholly or substantially engaged in any charitable social or philanthropic service,